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1. At a meeting 11 August 1950 in the office of Colonel Komiakov, Chief of Staff to General Petrakovsky, the allocation of spare parts for armored vehicles (Herbert I, II and III) was discussed. Present were Colonel Komiakov, presiding, Lt. Col. Krifsov, Sovietnik of the Priemerwald School, and Colonel Krayevsky or Krayechevsky, referred to as "Oberst Polit/Kultur, VP", Oberrat Pfeiffer, chief interpreter of the HVA and Inspekteur Heinz Hoffmann representing the HVA. It was decided that Lt. Col. Krifsov would place an order for the spare parts he considers necessary. On the basis of such an order Komiakov would order the parts from the Red Army Workshops in Meissen, Saxony. An application by the HVA for a supply of field compasses to assist armored vehicle drivers in driving blind, was refused by Komiakov after Krifsov had given his opinion that compasses were not needed at this stage of armored training in the HVA.
2. On 14 July 1950, Chefinspekteur Heinrich Heitsch announced that driving instructions would be given on the Herbert I, II and III beginning 1 August 1950. This, however, has not been possible because of lack of fuel. The HVA has now managed to obtain from Boehlen sufficient Diesel oil to allow one allocation of 3,800 liters to each C-Objekt. It has also bought from Leuna enough high-octane fuel - for use in Herbert I and II - for each C-Objekt to receive 2,500 liters. Neither of these transactions has been officially approved. Nor is it known whether they can be repeated, especially as the firms providing the fuel are Soviet AG's which produce almost entirely for the USSR. The fuel has had to be collected in barrels and this has involved the use of a considerable number of HVA trucks. An application will therefore be made to the Soviet Control Commission for the provision of oil-, gasoline- and Diesel tank trucks.
3. On 11 August 1950 Chefinspekteur Hans von Weech complained to one of his staff officers that he was in trouble because of the slow progress made in training drivers of armored vehicles. He was told that the Soviet Control Commission had repeatedly been requested to issue training manuals and drawings of the armored vehicles in use. These requests had been ignored.

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4. The sum of 50,000 East Marks has been granted to the Priemerwald School (C-Objekt) for the rebuilding and enlarging of the workshops and garages and the construction of a concrete road.
5. The Leiter of the Priemerwald School, Inspekteur Bruno Kolitsch is reportedly at loggerheads with Generalinspekteur Heinz Hoffmann, as he was many times with Wilhelm Zaissner. Kolitsch, however, is so brilliant at his job and is on such good terms with his Sovietnik Lt. Col. Krifsov, that it is unlikely that any action will be taken against him. The Bereitschaftsleiter of Pinnow, Oberrat Brueckner, and the Bereitschaftsleiter of Burg, Oberrat Kewel, have both been dismissed. The Bereitschaftsleiter of Grossenhain, Oberrat Fleissner, remains.
6. The Soviet Control Commission has not as yet completed investigation of the 24 People's Police candidates slated for a course of instruction in conjunction with a Soviet Army unit in Bohnitzsch. Four non-commissioned ordnance experts from the Weapons and Equipment Section of Hauptabteilung Intendantur are also being investigated which raises the number of candidates under consideration to 28. It is not known as yet how many will be approved. It is unlikely that successful candidates will go to Bohnitzsch before September. Meanwhile the HVA has postponed its search for billets in that area.
7. The following are the locations of Central Workshops of which each Land has one:

Mecklenburg	.....	Rostock School
Brandenburg	.....	Berlin-Treptow
Saxony-Anhalt	.....	Kochstedt School
Thuringia	.....	Gotha School
Saxony	.....	3rd Bereitschaft Leipzig
- Each unit is regarded as a Kommando with a personnel establishment consisting of one Kommissar in charge, plus one man for each Objekt in the respective Land. These units are in their infancy and are expected to expand.
8. Ten ZIS trucks are held at the central supply dump for use as a supply column.
9. The current instruction course for drivers and mechanics, being held in Apolda, is due to end on 17 August 1950. During this course 140 of the 200 candidates have been trained as drivers only. Of the remaining sixty, thirty will be graduated as motor experts (Kraftfahrzeug Sachbearbeiter) and thirty as car mechanics.
10. 35,000 spades have been ordered from German firms for personnel of the A (infantry) Objekte. Deliveries are causing some trouble inasmuch as the firms supplying them are not to know that the spades are for the People's Police.
11. On or about 12 August 1950 the following personnel changes became effective:
  - a. Rat Nordin, transferred to the Hauptverwaltung fuer Seepolizei.
  - b. Oberrat Sparr, joined the Ausbildungsabteilung of Hauptabteilung Stab.
  - c. Oberrat Schmidt (same as b).
  - d. Rat Schlicker, transferred to Hauptabteilung Intendantur to take the place of Oberrat Bohn who defected.
  - e. Kommandeur Willi Warnt, dismissed for irregularities in Abteilung Bekleidung (uniforms).
  - f. Meister Schoeneich, dismissed with Warnt and imprisoned.
  - g. Oberrat Butter, replacement of Warnt.